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1. POST HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER, DATED JUNE 21, ADDRESSED TO THE UNSYG AND MEMBERS OF THE UNSC FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDESE POLITICAL PARTIES MDR, MRND, PSD, PL, PDC AND PDI. THE LETTER EXPLAINS THE PARTIES' OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FRENCH INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. TEXT OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

RE: OPPOSITION TO FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN RWANDA

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YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL,

YOUR EXCELLENCIES  
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

RWANDESE POLITICAL PARTIES , MDR (REPUBLICAN  
DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT) , MRND (REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT FOR  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT) , PSD (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY) ,  
PL (LIBERAL PARTY) , PDC (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY)  
AND PDI (ISLAMIC DEMOCRATIC PARTY) HAVE THE HONOUR TO  
INFORM YOU THAT THEY ARE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO  
FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE ON RWANDESE TERRITORY.

IN FACT YOUR EXCELLENCY SECRETARY GENERAL AND MEMBERS  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OUR PARTIES ARE OF THE VIEW  
THAT THE FRENCH DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE TO SEND TROOPS  
TO RWANDA CONSTITUTES A MALICIOUS MANEUVER TO BAIL OUT  
THE SO-CALLED INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDESE ARMY  
WHICH IS FALLING APART.

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WE THINK THAT IF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD WANTED TO  
STOP THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA, THEY COULD HAVE DONE SO  
RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DEATH  
OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE OPPOSITION MINISTERS.  
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD ALL THE MEANS OF  
INTERVENING, AS THEY HAD POWER OVER THE RWANDESE ARMY,  
WHICH WAS THE PERPETRATOR OF THESE MASSACRES. YOU  
WILL REMEMBER, YOUR EXCELLENCY SECRETARY GENERAL AND  
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THAT THE FRENCH AT  
THAT TIME SAW FIT ONLY TO EVACUATE THEIR NATIONALS.  
THEREFORE, IF THEY HAD WANTED THEY COULD HAVE ALERTED  
THE WORLD TO THE RISING VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DID NOT DO SO BECAUSE THEY  
BELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT ARMY WOULD WIN THE WAR ONCE  
THE OPPOSITION WAS DESTROYED. INDEED, SINCE THE 9TH  
APRIL 1994, THE SO-CALLED INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THE  
RWANDESE ARMY HAVE OPTED FOR A MILITARY SOLUTION. NOW  
THAT THE MILITARY SOLUTION HAS BEGUN TO BOOMERANG  
AGAINST THEM, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WANT TO DISGUISE  
THEIR INTENTIONS IN THE FORM OF A HUMANITARIAN  
MISSION. ALL THEY WANT IS TO RESCUE THOSE NOW LOSING  
THE BATTLE THEY HAVE UNLEASHED.

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WE ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DENOUNCE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE AMBIGUITY SURROUNDING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FRENCH INTERVENTION. IS IT NOT SURPRISING THAT THE FRENCH WANT TO GO AND PROTECT THE REMAINING TUTSI IN RWANDA? WHETHER THIS IS LACK OF CONSCIENCE OR BLACK HUMOUR, WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT

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THIS MISSION IS ANACHRONISTIC AND HAS NO PURPOSE. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE FRENCH HUMANITARIAN LOGIC PROCEEDS BY CALCULATED STEPS: FIRST EVACUATION OF FRENCH NATIONALS, FOLLOWED BY PROTECTION OF THE TUTSI, TWO MONTHS LATER FOLLOWED PERHAPS LATER BY THE PROTECTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, WHO HAVE IN THE MEANTIME - LIKE MOST OF THE TUTSI - BEEN EXTERMINATED. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THE COMPLICITY BETWEEN THE RWANDESE ARMY AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE BLACK BOX OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE. THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY PERSONNEL IN RWANDA WAS DENIED ACCESS TO IT, AND IT WAS HANDED TO THE FRENCH ARMY. IT IS NOW ALMOST THREE MONTHS AFTER THE EVENT, BUT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR EXAMINATION OF THE BLACK BOX. WOULD THE FRENCH, BY ANY CHANCE, BE HURRYING TO RWANDA TO GET RID OF ANY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM?

IN CONCLUSION, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, SECRETARY GENERAL AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN VIEW OF THE REASONS CITED ABOVE, WE SAY NO TO THE FRENCH MILITARY

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MISSION TO RWANDA AND WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO  
COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING RWANDA (TANZANIA, ZAIRE, BURUNDI  
AND UGANDA) TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA ONCE MORE BY  
PREVENTING THE FRENCH - IN CASE THEY DECIDE TO GO TO  
RWANDA BY FORCE - FROM USING THEIR RESPECTIVE LAND,  
WATER AND AIRSPACE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCIES, SECRETARY GENERAL AND  
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE EXPRESSION OF OUR  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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END QUOTE

2. THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY:

--DR. GASANA ANASTASE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND COOPERATION AND MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF  
MDR

--MR. MUNYAMPIRWA BONIFACE, MDR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR KIGALI

--MR. JUSTIN MUNYEMANA, MEMBER OF MRND AND THE FORMER  
LEGAL ADVISER IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

-- MR. JEAN MBANDA, PSD ALTERNATIVE MEMBER OF  
PARLIAMENT FOR KIGALI

-- MR. NOEL NDANYUZWE, MEMBER OF PSD SECRETARIAT FOR  
KIGALI PROVINCE

-- AND SHEIKH TWAHIRWA ISSA, MEMBER OF PDI CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE.

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